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ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

A COLUMN OF NEWS PICKED UP AROUND TOWN

And Put Into Short Paragraphs For Quick Reading By Busy People.

Mr. G. W. Arms went to Fayetteville last week.

Mr. W. D. Bryan, of Greens, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. H. G. Askins spent a day or two in Charleston recently.

T. M. Gilland, Esq., spent a day or two in Charleston last week.

A heavy rain fell last Monday, greatly benefiting the young corn.

Mr. S. H. Bissonette, of Charleston, was in Kingstree last Monday.

Mr. O. M. Gordon, of Newton, Ga., is spending some time in Kingstree.

The "Memorial Day" exercises promise to be the most elaborate ever seen in Kingstree.

It is said that Mr. P. B. Thorne has one thousand logs in the water near his mill on Black river.

Mr. J. P. Nelson is now employed on the Lake City Times, in place of Mr. Pritchard Moody, who has gone off on a visit.

Mr. W. I. Lowell, of Indianapolis, Ind., spent several days in town last week. He has gone to assume the management of Capt. D. R. Smith's lumber mill, at Smith's Mills, S. C.

We have had charge of the Record just a month and have added over fifty new subscribers to our mail lists. We feel encouraged at this, and hope to do better during the month of May.

Mr. Herbert VanKeuren, postmaster at Smiths Mills, was in town a day or two this week. Mr. VanKeuren and his two little children Grant and Grace, had just returned from a trip to Charleston.

Supervisor Chandler received the chains for use on the chain-gang last Monday. The chain is long enough to accommodate a dozen law-breakers, and a squad will doubtless be organized next Monday.

F. Barron Grier, Esq., who recently moved from Kingstree to Greenwood has been elected city attorney for that town. Mr. Grier has a host of friends in Kingstree all of whom will be pleased to know that he is doing well in his new field.

Messrs. Thos. M. Gilland, of Kingstree, Thos. Wilson, of Salem, and P. A. Wilcox, of Florence, joined Mr. W. N. Royal, of the Atlantic Coast Line, on a pleasure trip North yesterday. The party is traveling in a special car, and will be gone about ten days.

Messrs. G. S. Barr and H. A. Graham have completed their telephone line from the Coleman House to the depot, and the phones are now in operation. Messages are transmitted at the nominal sum of five cents each, with unlimited time in speaking.

Mr. C. C. Horton, representing the well-known firm of M. Drake & Sons, of Charleston, made things lively and pleasant around the Coleman House several days during the past week. Mr. Horton has quite a number of friends around Kingstree, all of whom enjoy hearing his "yarns."

DECORATION DAY.

Full Text of the Program of the Exercises for that Day.

The committee in charge of the "Decoration Day" exercises met Tuesday. Mr. Jacobs was elected chairman. It was decided to hold the exercises in the Court House on Monday, May 10th, at 4 o'clock p. m. After the exercises in the Court House the audience will march in a body to the cemetery near the river where the monument to the soldiers stands. The graves of Confederate soldiers in the cemetery where the old Presbyterian church stood will be decorated in the morning, the following committee being in charge: Misses Mable Harper and Bertha Epps, Mrs. E. C. Koger and Messrs. G. P. Nelson and S. McB. Scott. This committee is requested to meet at the cemetery at 8 o'clock a. m. on that day.

The committee in charge of decoration for soldiers monument etc., in the afternoon is as follows: Missis Maymie Jacobs, Bessie Kelly, Anna Elwell, Beulah Nelson and Sallie Wilson. It is very desirable to have a large crowd present and we hope the ladies throughout the county will save up plenty of flowers for the occasion. Let everybody bring flowers and the committee will have an easy time. A special invitation is given to all old soldiers their families and friends to be present and help make the exercise a success.

The Lake City Light Dragon are expected and will fire a salute over the graves. It is hoped that the stores will all close in time to give the clerks an opportunity of attending. The programme, which will be very interesting, and will not detain you more than an hour is as follows:

Calling to order by chairman; Opening prayer, Rev. W. D. Moorer; Song, "America," pupils of Kingstree Academy; Declamation, Mr. S. M. Wolf; Recitation, Miss Mildred McCabe; Recitation, Miss Florence Jacobs; Song, "Red White and Blue," pupils of the Academy; Declamation, Mr. Edwin Hirsch; Recitation, Selma Thorne; Recitation, Miss Barbara Jacobs; Declamation, Mr. Louis Gilland; Song, "Swanee River," by seven young ladies; Orator of the day, Col. J. E. Dunlop.

Cannot be Withheld.

The following extract from a letter from a subscriber in Bennettsville speaks worlds for our efforts, and shows appreciation of our attempt to make the County Record worthy of the praise of its readers. We have received quite a number of letters similar to this one, and we take this method of thanking our friends for their words of encouragement. Here is the extract referred to above:

"I cannot withhold my congratulations on the improvement you have made in the Record. Under your management we have a paper that does credit to the county. Although not a resident of Williamsburg at present, I always think of that county as my home, and am deeply interested in anything that conduces to her prosperity. Wishing you the success that you merit, I am," etc.

All the latest styles in job printing can now be done in The County Record office.

STILL AT LIBERTY.

THE SLAYERS OF THE TWO ITALIANS NOT YET CAUGHT.

Nine Negroes Have Been Arrested Up to This Writing, But all Have Been Turned Loose.

Nothing definite has yet developed in the case of the strange Italians who were so cruelly butchered near Salters last week. As to who the murderers are, and their present whereabouts, is now just as much a mystery as it was when the crime was first discovered. Suspicion still points to the Davis negroes, but nothing has yet been seen or heard of them. Even if they were caught it would be a hard matter to fasten the murder upon them, as no one knows any thing about the men who were murdered, and, therefore, could not identify any article that may be found in the possession of the supposed murderers, as belonging to the Italians.

The three negroes who were arrested at Lake City last week were given a hearing before magistrate J. G. Liffage last Thursday, and set free. Jailor Britton, in the absence of the sheriff, telegraphed the Charleston authorities that if the negroes were wanted there to wire him and they would be held, not having heard from there, the deputy let the boys go Thursday evening.

Three negroes were arrested Thursday at Fayetteville, N. C., on suspicion of being the murderers. They were on their way from Timmonsville, this State, to Selma N. C., and were "nabbed" en route. Sheriff Daniel and Mr. Cannon, of Strawberry, in whose store the Davis negroes did so much firing about two weeks ago, went up to Fayetteville Saturday, but Mr. Cannon failed to identify the prisoners as the Davises. In fact, the negroes proved where they were on the night of the tenth, when the shooting at Strawberry occurred, and on the seventeenth, the night of the murder.

Three other negroes were arrested at Lanes and locked up all night in a box-car, but were set at liberty.

While looking over the field of the murder last Sunday, some Salters gentlemen discovered some clothing hanging on a tree and some on the ground only a short distance from where the murdered men's bodies were found. There was also a kind of a camp, at least, the ashes from a fire, and chicken bones near the clothing, indicating that a camp had been made there.

This discovery only adds mystery to the whereabouts of the real murderers, as this woodland was every bit searched last week, and these things were not seen. Among the articles found on the ground was a white shirt, bosom upwards, which was not soiled in the least. This indicates that the articles were placed there Sunday morning, for had the shirt been exposed to the night air, the dew would have left marks on the stiff bosom. Then, too, there are numbers of hogs in the woods, and it stands to reason that, had this shirt been on the ground for any great while the hogs would have soiled it. A careful survey of the immediate vicinity of the murder, and two empty shells from a Winchester rifle were found. One of these was mashed, as if some one had stepped upon it, or a hog had bit it. These shells are now in the possession of a Kingstree gentleman, but nothing is proved by them, as they will fit any Winchester of a 32 calibre.

Dr. Elwell in Charleston.

The Rev. S. P. H. Elwell delivered an oration before Camp Sumter, U. C. V., at Charleston during the celebration last week. The Charleston dailies spoke in glowing tones of Dr. Elwell's address classing it among the foremost. The Charleston Sun, in speaking of his response to the toast "The Women of the Confederacy," said: "A grand movement, which will make his name historic, was that of Dr. Elwell to plant a monument to The Women of the Confederacy. As Col. Zimmerman Davis, a Charlestonian, seconded the proposition so heartily, let Charleston be the place where this memorial shall be planted. Charleston initiated the war, let it be the site to mark where its greatest and the most glorious work done in its behoof. Let the women of Carolina at once organize in that direction."

Among the other speakers at the gathering at the Masonic Temple were Judge J. H. Hudson, Gen. C. I. Walker, Rev. John Johnson, D. D., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Mr. A. Walter Taft, Dr. J. Somers Buist, Mr. H. W. Comer, Jr., and Mr. Yates Snowden.

Hotel Arrivals.

The following is a list of the arrivals at the Coleman Hotel for the past week:

L. C. Wooten, J. B. McCutchen, J. Levy, M. J. McManus, J. W. Josey, J. D. Daniel, W. L. Montague, H. J. Adams, J. C. Langford, W. O. Dorrity, F. B. Dantzer, A. S. Willeford, J. G. Liffage, B. P. Barron, W. T. Lowell, W. L. Williams, C. C. Horton, A. C. Ligon, E. B. Cooper, W. A. Cooper, B. E. Clarkson, N. T. Pittman, E. S. Sauls, L. Scott, Miss Lula Price, Miss Mary Highsmith, W. D. Shaw, O. M. Gordon, Herbert Van Keuren, Grant Van Keuren, Miss Grace Van Keuren, S. W. Mills, S. H. Bissonette, W. D. Bryan, E. W. Willer.

Ask the sheriff what "Pride of Darlington" is. For sale by W. G. Elwell & Co.

The Medicine Law Again.

Editor, County Record: The act No. 337 passed at the last session of the General Assembly read, "it shall be unlawful for any person to travel as hawkers or peddlers from place to place in this State and to sell, or offer for sale, any medicine, drug or compound, to be used as a curative." The act is absolutely prohibitory, and no license can be obtained. Following the above is the penalties for violation of the act.

Law.

Indiantown, April 26th, '97.

The Rev. A. S. Willeford, of Charleston, was in Kingstree last week in the interest of the Columbian Encyclopedia. The Columbian is one of the very best encyclopedias, and Mr. Willeford found no trouble in placing quite a number in Kingstree. He expects to return to Williamsburg in a few months and make a thorough canvass of the entire county.

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SCRANTON NEWS BUDGET.

REGULAR WEEKLY LETTER TO THE RECORD.

Our Correspondent's Report of the Doings of the People of This Thriving Village.

John P. Nelson made our town a visit this week.

Capt. E. S. Johnson lost a valuable mule a few days ago.

Miss Lilly Scurry has returned home from a visit to Georgetown.

Misses Linnie Lee and Azelia Baker, of Liberty, attended church here Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Graham, of Kingstree, is spending some time with relatives at this place.

Croquet is in vogue now. The young folk find it a very pleasant way to while away the long weary afternoons.

Miss Lizzie Sanders, who is teaching near Lake City, spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. B. C. Whitehead.

Mr. Tom Johnson, of Sardis, Florence county, visited his brother, Capt. E. S. Johnson, of this place, last Sunday. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by Mr. Willie Weaver.

Mr. Winslow Wright is having his new residence on Main street painted, and when the work is finished it will be one of the most handsome and attractive buildings in town.

Rev. Jarrott Baggett preached in the Freewill Baptist church at this place last Saturday, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Good congregations greeted him at each of these services.

We had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the Literary Club at the Union school house last Saturday evening. We enjoyed it very much. The query was well debated and the other features were thoroughly entertaining.

C.

Have you seen the Columbian Encyclopaedia? It is a "daisy."

May Ladies' Home Journal

The May Ladies' Home Journal uniquely reflects the sentiments and spirit of spring. "In An Old-Fashioned Garden" fairly emits the season's fragrant flavor, as do other contributions in prose and verse. Hon. John Russell Young recalls the notable incidents—fetes, receptions and pageants, etc.—of General Grant memorable tour of the worlds, and ex-President Harrison gives highly interesting glimpses of the President's home and life in an article on "The Domestic Side of the White House"—the concluding one of his admirable series. Edward W. Bok editorially presents the really practical side of the crusade against the slaughter of birds for their plumage, and forcible protests against the pernicious habit of spitting in public places. Are miniscut articles by Mrs. Raymond Maude, "My Mother as I Recall Her," gives some delightful glimpses of the personal side of Jenny Lind, especially of her home life.

We have a lot of old rabbit metal on hand for sale at 10 cents per pound.

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Beautiful Roses.

Upon returning from a short railroad trip the other morning, tired and dusty, we were very agreeably surprised and much delighted to find a beautiful bouquet of fine roses on our desk. The flowers were of the "Marechal Niel" and "Grace Darling" varieties, and attached to the bunch was a card bearing the name of Mrs. Louis Stackley. It filled our heart with joy to know that we were so much thought of by a member of the fair sex to prompt her in sending in so excellent a donation, which filled our office with its fragrance, and made us for a time forget the trials and tribulations attached to the life of a country editor.

Mrs. Stackley has quite a number of varieties of flowers, and there is not a more thorough florist in this section than she. The roses sent in are of the very finest varieties known and our appreciation of them is unbounded.

Philosophy demeans itself by stooping to uses, said the old Greek. But what false philosophy, and how inconsistent with the practical thought of this day! However, "the pendulum of human powers from age to age sweeps through the same arc" and every age has its inconsistencies. What man can be called consistent who cries "hard times" and scarcity of funds while he throws of patriotism and public spirit enough to order goods from another market at a greater cost than he can buy them from Lesene & Epps, at home. They will sell you dry goods, clothing, shoes, straw hats, groceries and farming implements, which are well bought, at lowest prices not to utterly disregard cost. They offer some specialties in shoes, straw hats and tobacco which will prove economy in you to investigate.

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